

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1916

BRIDGEPORTER IS ARRESTED BY HIS COUSIN

Murphy, Port Chester Policeman, Takes in Murphy of Park City.

(Special to the Farmer.)
Bridgetown, Nov. 24.—By reason of the variety of their work, the police are continually meeting new problems and are daily facing situations of varied character, but it remained for Patrolman Timothy Murphy to be the chief figure in one of the most peculiar circumstances ever noted in local police records.

Yesterday he took into custody a man whom he believed he had never seen before. When the man was giving his pedigree to the desk sergeant, Patrolman Murphy listened intently and heard the following responses to questions asked:

Name? Patrick Murphy.
Birthplace? Ireland.
Address? Bridgeport, Conn.

When the stranger had finished answering the questions asked him, the sergeant mentioned the officer's name who had made the arrest.
"Murphy? Tim Murphy?" murmured the man under arrest. "Why, he's my brother."

"Like — I am," retorted the patrolman. "What do you mean? I never saw you before."

After the Bridgeporter had been led off to a cell, charged with a trivial offense, "Paddy" Murphy, attached at the Strand Theatre and a brother of Patrolman Murphy, happened along. He consented to take a look at his namesake and immediately recognized him as a cousin, not only of his, but also of the officer who had made the arrest.

The local "Paddy" said that he had come across in the same boat with the Bridgeporter "Paddy," thirty or more years ago, but had not seen him since.

Patrolman Murphy had not seen the Bridgeporter in twenty-seven years. At that time the cousin was in his teens, while now he is a stalwart fellow with a heavy black mustache, which accounted for his failure to recognize him.

Ever since coming to this country, the Bridgeporter Murphy said, he had worked in that city, always having charge of a large number of men there. Judge Brophy suspended sentence, and after a cordial leavetaking between him and his local cousins, he left town for Bridgeport, declaring that he had fully forgiven his Portchester cousin for "kidnaping" him.

It seems that the Bridgeporter really has a brother named "Tim" who is employed in Greenwich, and it was to him he referred when he declared, in Patrolman Murphy's presence, that "Tim" Murphy was his brother. Even the brother in Greenwich had not seen him in many years, so the man's arrest by Patrolman "Tim" resulted in quite a family reunion.

Prisoners' Statements Aren't Always Reliable

Richard Croker is Seventy-Three Today

Richard Croker, former chief of Tammany Hall and one of the most picturesque figures in American politics was born seventy-three years ago to-day at Black Rock, Ireland. After retiring from the leadership of "the wigwag" Mr. Croker went to England and bought a fine estate at Warrage, but the English climate didn't agree with him, so he returned to his native Ireland, which he had abandoned for America when two years old. Glencairne, his Irish estate, is an abode of magnificence, but even more important than the villa are the stables and barns, provided for his string of blooded race horses. Although the son of an Irish farmer, Richard Croker came of a family of considerable prominence in Ireland, which boasts an ancient coat of arms bearing the motto "Deus alit eos" (God feeds them). Young Richard received his education principally in the streets of New York and he won his first political honors by the power of his bare fists.

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SUNDAY MOVIES ILLEGAL STATE COURT DECIDES

Violation of Sabbath Law Says a Majority of the Judges.

Albany, Nov. 23.—A decision declaring Sunday motion picture exhibition violations of the state statute was handed down to-day by the Appellate Division for the Third Department. The decision was in the nature of an interpretation of the Sunday Observance Law and not in the form of an order directed against any playhouse.

The case grew out of the arrest of Leroy H. Bender, of this city, a moving picture theatre owner, for alleged violation of a local ordinance prohibiting Sunday exhibitions.

Bender was discharged from custody on a writ of habeas corpus when Supreme Court Justice Morschauser, of Poughkeepsie, held that the law had not been violated. Justice Morschauser's decision was in accordance with a ruling of the Appellate Division for the Second Department in 1908, that the Sunday law did not apply to moving picture theatres.

To-day's decision reverses previous decisions, but because Associate Justice John Woodward, dissenting from the opinion of Presiding Justice John M. Kellogg and Associate Justices George F. Lyon, Wesley Howard and Aaron V. S. Cochrane, recourse to the Court of Appeals can be had.

The majority opinion to-day, written by Justice Lyon, suggests that the legislature alone can decide how Sunday shall be observed and is the sole judge of acts proper to be prohibited. The opinion set forth:

"If the existing law is in any way unjust or unsatisfactory the remedy is by application to the legislature to modify or annul it, not by application to the court, whose sole duty is to construe it and say what the legislature meant by passing it."

The opinion reviews the circumstances of Bender's arrest, and refers to his contention that he should be discharged because the phrase in the statute, "or other public sports, exercises or shows," does not apply to indoor performances. Regarding this the opinion says:

"The words 'or other public sports, exercises or shows' are presumed to have been used by the legislature in their ordinary and familiar sense and meaning, and are to be so understood and construed. Acts relating to the observance of the Sabbath are remedial statutes and are to be construed liberally in respect to the mischiefs sought to be remedied."

"The vital question to be decided upon this appeal is: 'What did the legislature mean when it wrote into the statute relating to the observance of Sunday, following the prohibition against shooting, hunting, fishing, horse-racing, gaming, the words 'or other public sports, exercises or shows'?' Did it intend to prohibit exhibitions in the nature of the ordinary moving picture show? It would seem clear that the answer to that question must be in the affirmative."

Favors More Employers. The opinion also states that the trend of recent legislation has been to protect, so far as possible, the right of employees to rest on Sunday, and that no good reason is apparent for denying that privilege to the thousands of employees of moving picture theatres in the state.

While the court proceedings were instituted to test the legality of an Albany city ordinance, to-day's decision applies to all motion picture theatres in the state. Sunday moving picture exhibitions have been allowed in many cities, but have been forbidden by local ordinances in others, and in still others the matter has been left to the discretion of the police.

Captain Karl Gunner Peterson, of the Royal Danish Commission of Copenhagen, is dead.

I. F. Stone was elected a director of the Importers' and Traders' National Bank, of New York.

Earthquake shocks, lasting three-quarters of an hour, were recorded at Georgetown University.

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